

II. REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 3-7 are currently allowed. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2 and 8-24 have been cancelled. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 1 and 3-7 are allowed.

B. Claim Objection

In the Office Action, claims 11, 12, 14 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Carrara (Chem. Abstract 40:37436).

As claims 11, 12, 14 and 16 have been cancelled, the Examiner's rejection is now moot and the Examiner is respectfully requested to remove the rejection.

III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below if it is determined that any further issues remain.

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